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SUBJECT: MBFR: INFORMAL SESSION WITH EASTERN REPS OF JUNE
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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: IN THE JUNE 10 INFORMAL SESSION OF THE VIENNA TALKS, THE ALLIES WERE REPRESENTED BY THE CANADIAN REP, FRG REP AND US REP, AND THE EAST BY SOVIET REPS KHESTOV AND SMIRNOVSKY, POLISH REP STRULAK AND GDR REP OESER. EASTERN REPS ONCE AGAIN INSISTED THAT EACH DIRECT PARTICIPANTS MUST UNDERTAKE SPECIFIC INDIVIDUAL REDUCTION OBLIGATIONS. THEY ASSERTED THAT WESTERN RELUCTANCE TO INDICATE WHETHER NON-US WESTERN DIRECT PARTICIPANTS WOULD UNDERTAKE SPECIFIC REDUCTION COMMITMENTS IN PHASE II FURTHER JUSTIFIED EASTERN INSISTENCE THAT ALL REDUCE FROM THE OUTSET AND EASTERN REJECTION OF THE WESTERN PHASING APPROACH.

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WESTERN REPS MADE A RENEWED EFFORT TO GAIN EASTERN

AGREEMENT TO DISCUSS DATA, BUT EASTERN
REPS REPEATED EARLIER REFUSAL IN UNEQUIVOCAL TERMS.

2. GDR REP OPENED WITH ATTACK ON RELUCTANCE OF WESTERN REPS
TO INDICATE WHETHER NON-US WESTERN DIRECT PARTICIPANTS WOULD
UNDERTAKE SPECIFIC INDIVIDUAL REDUCTION OBLIGATIONS IN
PHASE II OF THE WESTERN REDUCTION APPROACH. THIS THEME WAS
PICKED UP BY SOVIET REP KHLESTOV, BACKED BY POLISH REP
STRULAK. IN RESPONSE, ALLIED REPS STRESSED THAT, GIVEN THE
WESTERN TWO-PHASE APPROACH TO THE NEGOTIATIONS, IT WAS
PREMATURE TO GO NOW INTO THE DETAILS OF THE NATURE OF PHASE
II REDUCTION COMMITMENTS, AND SAID THAT
THEY WERE NOT PREPARED TO BE MORE SPECIFIC ON THIS ISSUE.
WESTERN REPRESENTATIVES THEN ONCE AGAIN URGED THE EAST TO
ENGAGE IN DATA EXCHANGE PARALLEL WITH DISCUSSION OF OTHER
ISSUES. KHLESTOV MADE UNQUALIFIED REJECTION OF DATA EXCHANGE
AT THIS STAGE, AND AGAIN SAID THAT DATA EXCHANGE WOULD
HAVE TO AWAIT RESOLUTION OF SUCH QUESTIONS AS WHOSE FORCES
SHOULD BE REDUCED FROM THE OUTSET AND WHAT TYPE OF FORCES
SHOULD BE REDUCED. POLISH REP AGAIN PRESENTED THE EASTERN ARGUMENT
THAT THE WESTERN REDUCTION APPROACH WOULD PERMIT AN ARMS RACE
IN THE AREA. HE ASSERTED THAT THE WEST WAS SUGGESTING
EXCHANGE OF ONLY THAT DATA WHICH SUPPORTED THE WEST'S
OWN REDUCTION PROGRAM. IN SUPPORT OF THIS ARGUMENT, HE SAID THE
WEST HAD REFRAINED FROM SUGGESTING DATA EXCHANGE ON
ARMAMENTS OUTSIDE ITS PROGRAM SUCH AS TACTICAL NUCLEAR
WEAPONS AND AIRCRAFT. END SUMMARY.

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